# DOE2000 Panel Parallel Programming Tools

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# Projects Overview: Tools for Algorithm Development

- Global Arrays: library for manipulating arrays distributed across memories of multicomputers
- Overture: C++ class library for writing PDE solvers using overlapping/adaptive block-structured grids
- POOMA: C++ framework for high-performance, parallel computational science applications

## Projects Overview: Runtime & Other Support Tools

- Cumulvs: facility for adding fault tolerance, steering, visualization to existing programs
- Nexus/Globus: general-purpose support for distributed large scale applications
- PAWS: facility for inter-application parallel data transfer in hetero distributed systems

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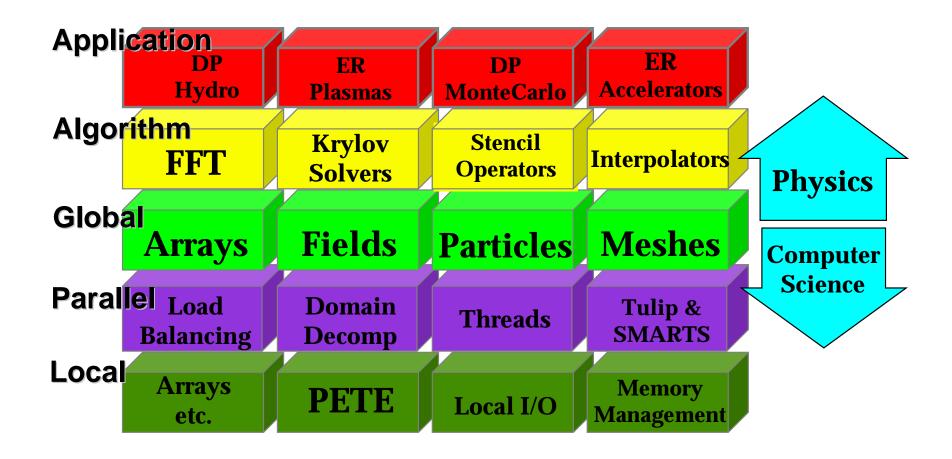
- SILOON: aid for using scripting languages in accessing libraries and frameworks
- TAU: support for instrumenting, tracing and analyzing parallel programs
- Tulip: runtime layer with threads and data transfer facilities

## Projects Overview: Developers' Tools

- ATLAS/PHiPAC: automatic generation of optimized Basic Linear Algebra routines
- PADRE: interface to several data distribution methods for parallel multicomputers
- PETE: extensible implementation of C++ expression template technique

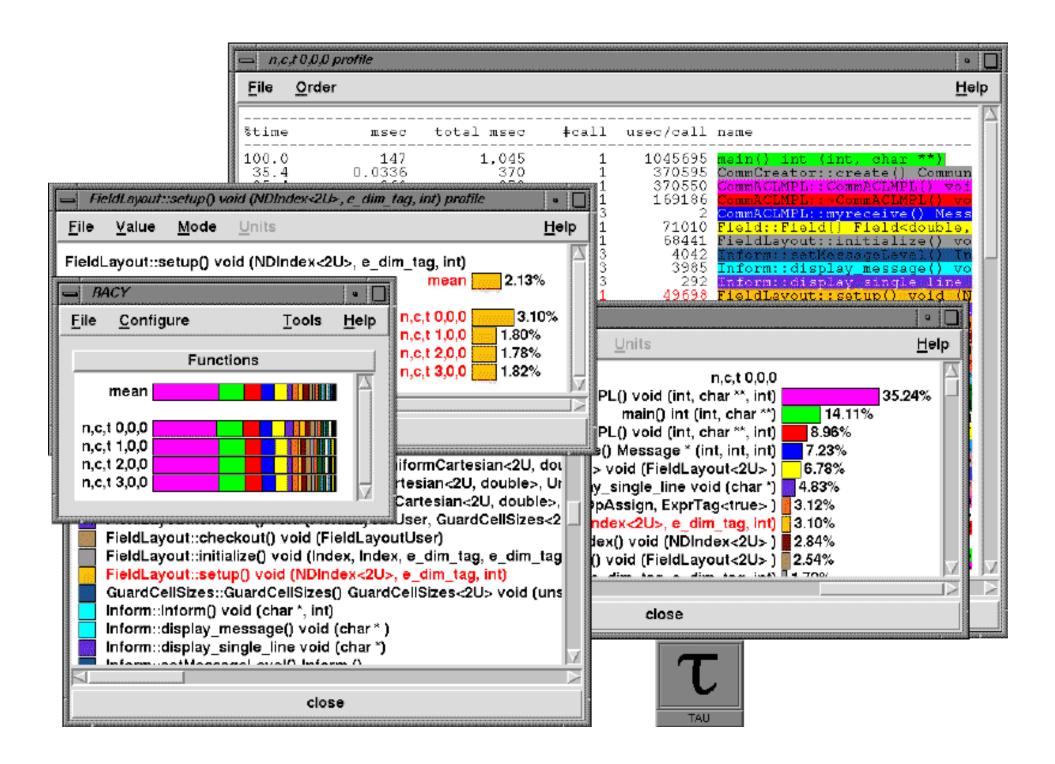
### Selected Tool: POOMA

- C++ framework provides abstractions: fields, grids, particles as well as arrays
- Array implementation defined by plug-in "engines": F90 and various distributions
- App writer writes code invariant to them
- C++ facilities specialize during compilation for efficient data access
- Used in several computational physics applications



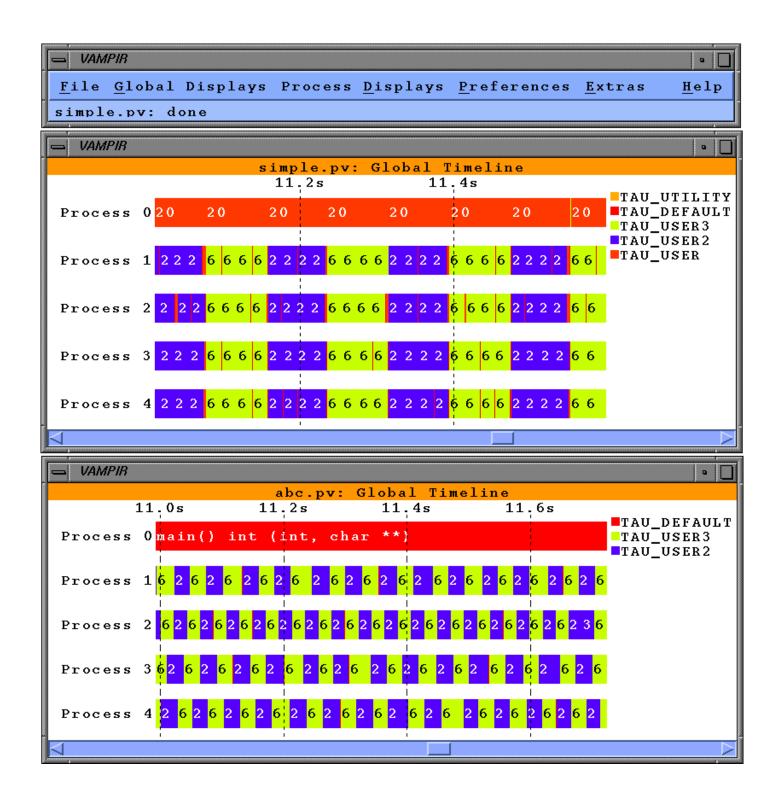
#### Selected Tool: TAU

- Environment for performance tuning
  - Instrument source code
  - Run program
  - Use visualization tools to analyze performance
- Variety of measures available
  - Time spent in each subprogram
  - Other hardware counters instead of clock
  - User-defined events
- Several TAU viewers, or use Vampir
- C, C++ now, Fortran90 imminent



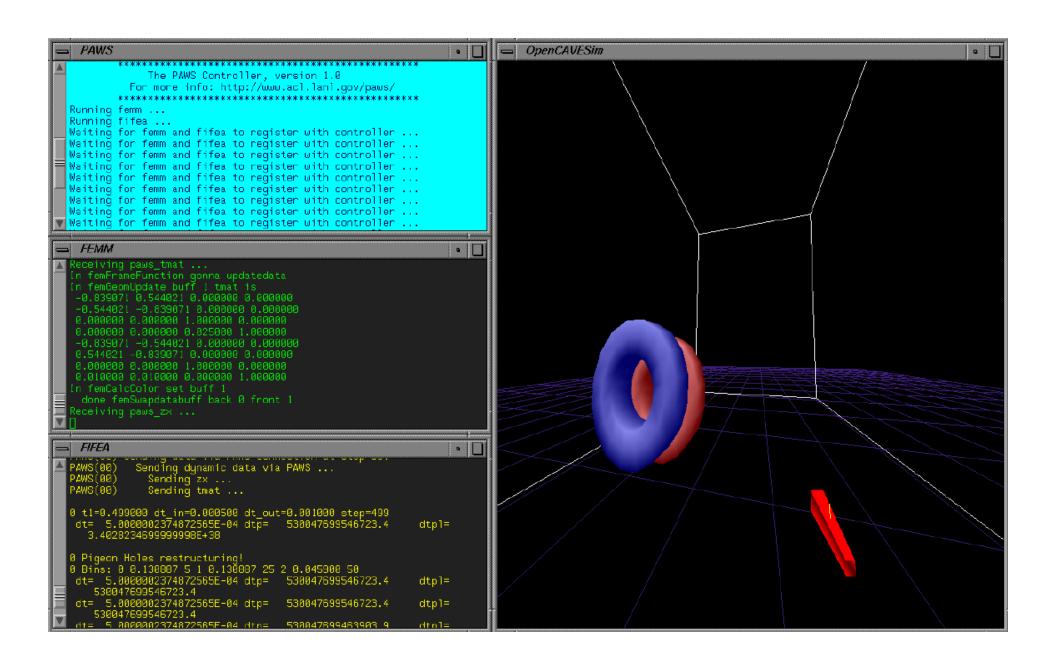
## Selected Tool: SMARTS

- Task + data parallel execution on SMPs
- Subset Pthreads, HPC++ threads APIs
- Iterates for data or loop-level parallelism
  - Very lightweight, run to completion
  - Dataflow graph gives Iterate execution order
  - Optimizes execution to improve cache hits
- Usable directly: SPPM uses Pthreads API
- Usable by other software: POOMA II



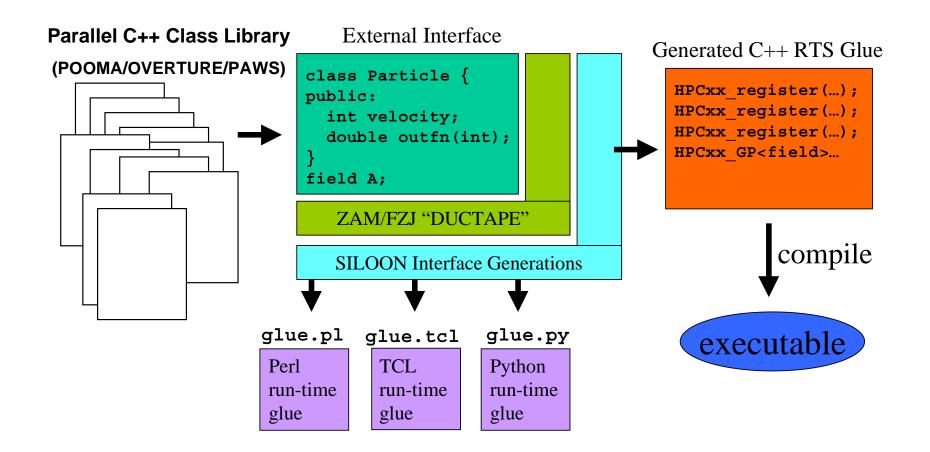
### Selected Tool: PAWS

- Coupling separate parallel applications
  - Running on same or different machines
  - Running on heterogeneous machines (Nexus)
  - Different parallel data distributions
- Parallel data transfer with simultaneous redistribution
- Minimal change to components
- PAWS controller coordinates interactions
- Integrated with POOMA, visualization libs



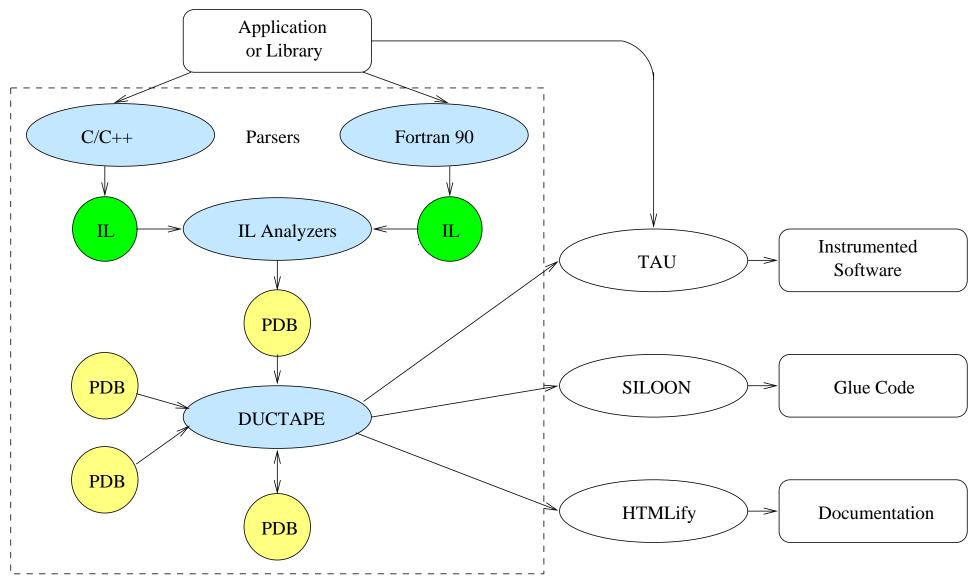
### Selected Tool: SILOON

- Rapid prototyping by making libraries accessible from scripting languages: Python, Perl, TCL, etc
- E.g., this C++ code:
   *int foo( double d) { ...; return(x); }* is accessible from Perl:
   *\$aDouble = 4.5; \$error = 0; \$intR = siloon::invoke("int foo(double)", \$aDouble, \$error);*



# New Approach: Program Database Toolkit

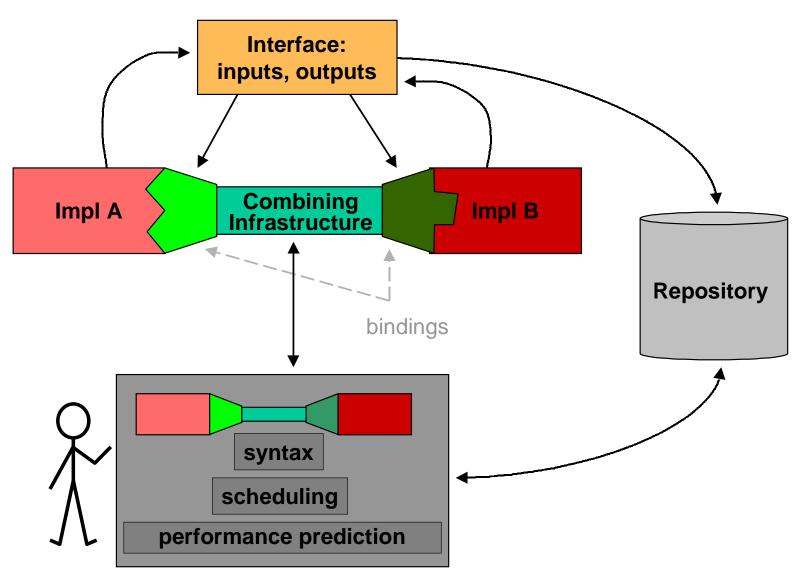
- Tools know too little about the programs they're applied to
- PDT extracts info for use by other tools
  - Parsers for F90, C, C++ generate IL
  - IL analyzers extract needed info to PDB files
  - DUCTAPE provides API for tools to get info
- Current tools rethought, new tools coming
- This is a powerful idea!



Program Database Toolkit

# New Approach: Component Architectures for HPC (DOE2000 CCA Forum)

- Want advantages of commercial "application builders" in HPC world
- Cannot tolerate their inefficiencies
- InDEPS and Ligature, two early designs:
  - Component description syntax describes parts
  - Combining infrastructure handles parts
  - Bindings are "glue code" for parts' I/O
  - Repository stores info, including performance
  - Building mechanism is user interface
- This is a powerful idea!



**Building Mechanism**